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REQUEST FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 USC 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

| Application No. | 10/077,767 |
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| Filing Date | February 20, 2002 |
| First Named Inventor | Shinya SOEDA |
| Group Art Unit | 2822 |
| Examiner Name | M. Prenty |
| Attorney Docket No | 401572 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) Instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

| ı | 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 | | | | | |
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| | | i. | | Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on | | l |
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| | | • | ٧. | ☐ Copies of documents listed in Form PTO-1449 | 2 ~ | $ \leftarrow $ |
| | 1 | • | vi. | Other: | OCT 10 2003 | Ö |
| | 2. | 2 Miscellaneous | | | | |
| | ł | a. | | Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFF | (1.993(c) | tor a period |
| | | | | of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) requi | rea.92 | |
| | | b. | | Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 | | |
| | | C. | | Other: | | |
| | 3. | Fee | es 1 | The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. | | |
| | | a. | | The following fees are enclosed: | | |
| | | | i. | RCE fee of \$750.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) | | \$750.00 |
| | 1 | | ii. | One-month extension of time fee of \$110.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) | | |
| | İ | | iii. | Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i)) | | |
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Application No. 10/077,767 Attorney Docket No. 401572

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| CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8 | | | | | | | |
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Art Unit: 2822

In re Application of:

Shinya SOEDA

Application No. 10/077,767

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

